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1. SUMMARY. DESPITE APRIL 3 NETWORK APPEAL BY PRES ALLENDE TO WORKERS TO ABSTAIN FROM SEIZURES OF ROADS AND FACTORIES, INCIDENTS HAVE CONTINUED. UNDER SECINTERIOR DANIEL VERGARA HAS CHARGED " EXTREME LEFTISTS" WITH CONCOCTING " DELIBERATE PLAN" TO CAUSE DISORDERS AND PROVOKE GOVT. END SUMMARY.

2. IN NATIONWIDE TV/ RADIO BROADCAST LATE APRIL 3, REPORTEDLY ARRANGED ON SHORT NOTICE, PRES ALLENDE CALLED ON WORKERS AND SLUM DWELLERS TO FOREGO SEIZURES (TOMAS) OF FACTORIES, ROADS, AND GOVT OFFICES AS MEANS OF DRAMATIZING THEIR PROBLEMS. GOVT IS KEENLY AWARE OF SITUATION, SAID ALLENDE, AND IS ALREADY WORK-ING TOWARDS SOLUTION OF SUCH QUESTIONS AS SUPPLY OF FOODSTUFFS. DIRECT ACTION IS " MISTAKEN ROAD" WHICH ONLY SHOWS " LACK OF DISCIPLINE AND RESPONSIBILITY.--- TO ALLEGE THAT PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED THROUGH SEIZURES OF STATE AND PRIVATE DISTRIBUTION AGENCIES IS NOT ONLY AN ERROR BUT A PROVOCATION." THEREFORE, ALLENDE CONCLUDED, WORKERS SHOULD REJECT SIREN SONG OF " CERTAIN SMALL GROUPS (I. E., THE EXTREME LEFT) WHO ARE IN REALITY WORKING
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AGAINST BEST INTERESTS OF THE WORKERS."

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3. PREVIOUS DAY SAW FOUR SEPARATE INCIDENTS IN SANTIAGO AREA. MOST EMBARRASSING WAS ROAD BLOCKADES SET UP BY LOW INCOME RESIDENTS OF DISTANT SUBURB OF PUENTE ALTO PROTESTING INADEQUATE DISTRIBUTION OF BASIC FOODSTUFFS. STRIKING WORKERS IN GOVT CONTROLLED PRODINSA, MANUFACTURER OF STEEL CABLES, BLOCKED SAN ANTONIO ROAD IN LABOR DISPUTE AND WERE JOINED BY OTHERS FROM CERRILLOS INDUSTRIAL " CORRIDOR." STUDENTS SEIZED TWO VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, IN ONE DEMANDING OUSTER OF PRINCIPAL AND IN OTHER DEMANDING GOVT RECOGNITION OF DEGREES IN " DENTAL MECHANICS."

4. DAY FOLLOWING PRESIDENT' S SPEECH SAW FOUR ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS, MOST SERIOUS OF WHICH WAS ATTEMPT TO SEIZE WAREHOUSE OF CENADA, PRIVATE CONSUMER GOODS DISTRIBUTOR. VARIOUS CARABINEROS AND ATTACKERS WERE ALIGHTLY INJURED. ATTEMPT TO SEIZE INDUS LEVER FACTORY (DETERGENTS, MARGARINE) BROKEN UP BY POLICE AS WERE EFFORTS TO BLOCK SAN ANTONIO ROAD AT VILLAGE OF TALAGANTE AND TO IMPEDE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC BETWEEN VALPARAISO AND VINA DEL MAR.

5. CITING ALLENDE' S SPEECH, UNDER SEC INTERIOR VERGARA APR 4 CLAIMED THESE INCIDENTS, AND STRIKE BY DRIVERS ON GOVT- OWNED SANTIAGO BUS LINES WHICH BEGAN THAT MORNING, ARE PART OF " DELIBERATE AND CONCERTED PLAN BY EXTREME LEFT, USING HUMBLE WORKERS AND SLUM DWELLERS, TO PROVOKE DISORDERS." VERGARA PRAISED " RESTRAINED ATTITUDE" OF POLICE AND WARNED THAT GOVT WILL NOT TOLERATE SUCH PROVOCATIONS. COMMUNIST EL SIGLO CHARGED DIRECTLY THAT MIR, IN TANDEM WITH EXTREME RIGHT, IS BEHIND INCIDENTS. OTHER COMMENTATORS LINK THEM TO THOSE OF MID- MARCH (SANTIAGO 1132 AND 1215).

6. CERRILLOS WORKERS TODAY BLOCKADED HIGHWAY LEADING WEST FROM SANTIAGO, THIS TIME TO PROTEST " BRUTAL BEATINGS" BY POLICE YESTERDAY. (BOTH EL MERCURIO AND LA SEGUNDA PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF APR 4 DEMONSTRATOR BEATING CARABINERO.)
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